

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2055, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8693–S8743

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2008–2026. **Pages S8733–34**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “The 2011 Joint Economic Report”. (S. Rept. No. 112–101)

S. 1134, to authorize the St. Croix River Crossing Project with appropriate mitigation measures to promote river values, with an amendment.

S. 1855, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize various programs under the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8733**

Measures Passed:

Insular Areas Act: Senate passed S. 2009, to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas. **Pages S8702–03**

Further Continuing Appropriations: Senate passed H.J. Res. 94, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012. **Page S8726**

Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act, Omnibus Appropriations Bill, and Disaster Relief Appropriations Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 9 a.m., on Saturday, December 17, 2011, Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 3630, to provide incentives for the creation of jobs; that the Majority Leader be recognized to offer a Reid-McConnell substitute amendment agreed to by both Leaders—a two month extension of the payroll tax reduction, doc fix and unemployment insurance; that following the reporting of the amendment, Senate vote on or in relation to the substitute amendment; that there be no amendments in order to the substitute or the bill prior to the vote; that the amendment be subject to a 60 vote threshold; that if the

substitute amendment is agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed; if the Reid-McConnell substitute amendment is not agreed to, the Majority Leader be recognized; that upon the disposition of H.R. 3630, Senate proceed to consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2055, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012; that there be 15 minutes of debate—5 minutes each for Senators Inouye, Cochran and McCain; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the conference report be temporarily set aside and, notwithstanding the lack of receipt of the papers from the House of Representatives with respect to H.R. 3672, making appropriations for disaster relief requirements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, Senate proceed to the consideration, en bloc, of the following items: H.R. 3672, and H. Con. Res. 94, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 3672; that there be no amendments in order to the bill or the concurrent resolution prior to votes on or in relation to those measures; that following the reporting of the bill and the concurrent resolution, Senate vote on the measures in the following order: passage of H.R. 3672; adoption of H. Con. Res. 94; and adoption of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2055; that there be two minutes equally divided prior to each vote; that each vote be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold; and no motions or points of order be in order prior to the votes other than budget points of order and the applicable motions to waive; provided further, the cloture motion with respect to the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3630 be withdrawn; and that the House of Representatives be immediately notified of the Senate’s action following the votes. **Pages S8742–43**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that from Friday, December 16, 2011 through Monday, January 23, 2012, the Majority Leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John Thomas Fowlkes, Jr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

Kevin McNulty, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Richard B. Berner, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, for a term of six years.

Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to India.

16 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Richard Sorian, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, which was sent to the Senate on January 26, 2011. Page S8743

Messages from the House: Page S8731

Measures Placed on the Calendar: Pages S8693, S8731

Enrolled Bills Presented: Page S8731

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:38 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8743.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 3696–3726; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 94–95; and H. Con. Res. were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Page H9928

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Dold to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H9799

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1892, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 396 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 939 and

Pages H9801–10, H9821–22

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reform and Reauthorization Act of 2011: Concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 2867, to reauthorize the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998. Pages H9810–12

Suspension:—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on December 14th:

Sugar Loaf Fire Protection District Land Exchange Act of 2011: S. 278, amended, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, by a ²/₃ recorded vote of 413 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 940. Pages H9822–23

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2055, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, by a yea-and-nay vote of 296 yeas to 121 nays, Roll No. 941.

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